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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ryuichiro KURANE/et al

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FOR:

METHOD FOR DETERMINING A CONCENTRATION OF TARGET NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES,

NUCLEIC ACID PROBES FOR THE METHOD, AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING DATA OBTAINED BY

THE METHOD

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- □ No additional fee is required
- □ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

Request for Extension of Time; Marked-up copy; Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, Executed; Information Disclosure Statement; PTO 1449

Form; 3 References

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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INDEPENDENT	8	MINUS	4	4	× \$80 =	\$320.00
		□ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS + \$270 =			\$0.00	
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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated March 16, 2001, Applicants request

reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks. 08/17/2001 BSAYASI1 00000017 09556127

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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

- 3. (Amended) The nucleic acid probe according to claim 2, wherein said probe is labeled at a 3' end thereof with said fluorescent dye.
- 4. (Amended) The nucleic acid probe according to claim 2, wherein said probe is labeled at a 5' end thereof with said fluorescent dye.

